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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF GOIC AMENDMENTS
TO UNESCO CONSTITUTION

1. SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE EMBASSY THE GOIC'S REQUEST FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UNESCO CONSTITUTION THAT THE GOIC PLANS TO PROPOSE DURING THE 20TH SESSION. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE TECHNICAL IN NATURE. EMBASSY IS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF GOIC REQUEST AND TELLING MFA THAT EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WILL RELAY REPLY AS SOON AS RECEIVED. COMMENT: GOIC HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO USG IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. ACTION REQUESTED: AN EARLY REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE OF GOIC REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MFA DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 8202/AE/COOP-12 FOLLOWS: COMPLIMENTARY OPENING.
QUOTE... WITH A VIEW TOWARD HARMONIZING MEDIUM-TERM BUDGETARY AND PLANNING CYCLES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS' SYSTEM, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 36 OF THE 19TH SESSION FORESEES THE
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ADOPTION OF BIENNIAL PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS IN EVEN YEARS BEGINNING IN 1984.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS NEW PROCEDURE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AMEND ARTICLES IV (THE GENERAL CONFERENCE) AND VI (SECRETARIAT) OF THE CONSTITUTION IF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WERE TO DECIDE AT ITS 20TH SESSION (1978) TO ACCEPT THE SOLUTION IN THE RESOLUTION CITED ABOVE.

THE DECISION WOULD ALSO RESULT IN POSTPONING THE 22ND SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE UNTIL 1983 AND THUS WOULD NECESSITATE THE ADOPTION OF A TRIENNIAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET IN 1980 AT THE 21ST SESSION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY COAST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WHICH IT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE DURING THE COURSE OF THE 20TH SESSION (1978) OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION TO ADD A NEW SECTION AT THE END OF ARTICLE IV TO BE WORDED AS FOLLOWS:

F. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

15. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN LINE 9)A) OF THE PRESENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE ITS 22ND SESSION DURING THE COURSE OF THE THIRD YEAR FOLLOWING THE 21ST SESSION.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION TO ADD ONE PARAGRAPH AT THE END OF ARTICLE VI TO BE WORDED AS FOLLOWS:

7. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, THE MANDATE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NAMED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT THE 21ST SESSION WILL BE FIVE/SEVEN YEARS. END QUOTE.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

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